

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A vehicle interior lining assembly for a roof frame, said assembly comprising:

~~an~~ a vehicle interior lining, and

a gas bag module fastened to said vehicle interior lining, said gas bag module having a gas bag which in a state installed in a vehicle extends substantially from an A-column of said vehicle to a C-column of said vehicle,

said vehicle interior lining being comprised of at least two vehicle interior lining pieces which together with said gas bag module form a preassembled unit and which before a final installation of said unit in said vehicle are displaceable in a longitudinal direction of said vehicle interior lining pieces with respect to each other.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The vehicle interior lining assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said vehicle interior lining, when installed in said vehicle, is divided into said two vehicle interior lining pieces in a region of a B-column of said vehicle.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The vehicle interior lining assembly according to Claim 2, wherein said two vehicle interior lining pieces, when installed in said vehicle and as viewed in the direction of a longitudinal axis of said vehicle interior lining pieces, are spaced apart from each other.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The vehicle interior lining assembly according to Claim 1, wherein fastening means are provided, with which both said vehicle interior lining pieces and said gas bag are permanently installed in said vehicle.

Claim 5 (Original): The vehicle interior lining assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said gas bag module has a gas generator which is part of said preassembled unit.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): The vehicle interior lining assembly according to Claim 5, wherein said gas generator is arranged in said region of a B-column when said unit is installed in said vehicle.

Claims 7-8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Currently amended): A vehicle interior lining assembly for a roof frame, said assembly comprising:

~~an~~ a vehicle interior lining, and

a gas bag module fastened to said vehicle interior lining, said gas bag module having a gas bag which in a state installed in a vehicle extends substantially from an A-column of said vehicle to a C-column of said vehicle,

said vehicle interior lining being comprised of at least two vehicle interior lining pieces which together with said gas bag module form a preassembled unit and which before a final installation of said unit in said vehicle are displaceable in a longitudinal direction of said vehicle interior lining pieces with respect to each other,

said two vehicle interior lining pieces having opposing, longitudinal ends, which when installed in said vehicle and as viewed in the direction of a longitudinal axis of said vehicle interior lining pieces, are spaced apart from each other.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): A vehicle interior lining assembly for a roof frame, said assembly comprising:

~~an~~ a vehicle interior lining, and

a gas bag module fastened to said vehicle interior lining, said gas bag module having a gas bag which in a state installed in a vehicle extends substantially from an A-column of said vehicle to a C-column of said vehicle,

said vehicle interior lining being comprised of at least two lining pieces which together with said gas bag module form a preassembled unit and which before a final installation of said unit in said vehicle are displaceable in

a longitudinal direction of said lining pieces with respect to each other, and

said two vehicle interior lining pieces, when installed in said vehicle, having longitudinal ends overlapping each other.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): An assembly comprising:

two lining pieces of a vehicle interior lining for a roof frame and

a gas bag folded to an elongated package connected to said vehicle interior lining pieces, said gas bag, in a state installed in a vehicle, extending substantially from an A-column of said vehicle to a C-column of said vehicle,

said two vehicle interior lining pieces, in a state not installed in the vehicle, being connected with each other via said gas bag package only.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): The assembly according to claim 11, wherein said two vehicle interior lining pieces are able to be folded onto each other in said preassembled state.

Claim 13 (New): A vehicle interior lining assembly for a roof frame, said assembly comprising:

a vehicle interior lining with at least two vehicle interior lining pieces, each vehicle interior lining piece

a gas bag module fastened to said vehicle interior lining, said gas bag module including a cover for the gas bag,

said gas bag module having a gas bag extending substantially from an A-column to a C-column of a vehicle in a state installed in said vehicle,

said two vehicle interior lining pieces forming together with said gas bag module a preassembled unit in which said first longitudinal ends of said vehicle interior lining pieces are arranged at a variable but predetermined adjustment distance in a longitudinal direction of said vehicle interior lining pieces; and said vehicle interior lining being displaceable relative to said gas bag when installed on the vehicle roof frame.

Claim 14 (New): The vehicle interior lining assembly according to claim 13 wherein both said cover and said vehicle interior lining open to enable air bag inflation.

Claim 15 (New): The vehicle interior lining assembly according to claim 13 wherein by means of tongues and corresponding openings in the vehicle interior lining pieces, the vehicle interior lining and the gas bag are securely fastened to the roof frame with the installation of at least one handle.

Claim 16 (New): A vehicle interior lining assembly for a roof frame, said assembly comprising:

a vehicle interior lining with at least two vehicle interior lining pieces, each vehicle interior lining piece being visible from a passenger compartment and having a first longitudinal end, and

a gas bag module fastened to said vehicle interior lining, said gas bag module including a cover for the gas bag,

said gas bag module having a gas bag extending substantially from an A-column to a C-column of a vehicle in a state installed in said vehicle,

said two vehicle interior lining pieces forming together with said gas bag module a preassembled unit, in which said first longitudinal ends of said vehicle interior lining pieces are arranged at a variable but predetermined adjustment distance in a longitudinal direction of said vehicle interior lining pieces; and said vehicle interior lining being displaceable relative to said gas bag when installed on the vehicle roof frame,

wherein both the cover and lining open to enable air bag inflation and said vehicle interior lining and said gas bag are securely fastened to the roof frame with the installation of at least one handle.